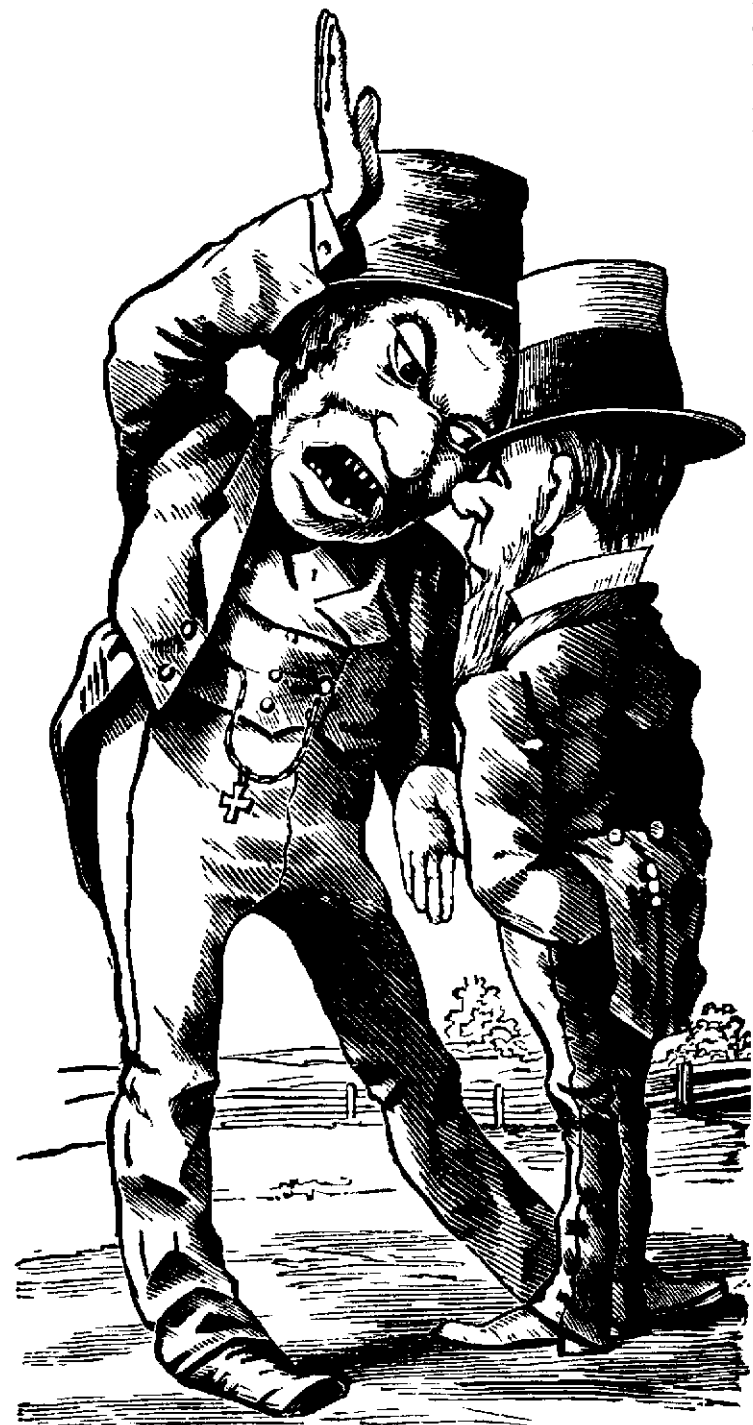


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ABOUT FROST FENCES

A recent number of the "The Toronto Globe" contains the following: "There must be in Toronto 100 miles of streets lined on each side with costly and hideous fences that are innocent of all utility, except that they exercise some slight restraining influence upon the hordes of young barbarians who prowl about seeking for mischief to commit. Probably few people have any idea of the amount of money which is wasted in these fences. Assuming that we have 100 miles of streets so adorned, this makes 1,056,000 feet of front fence, and taking the lots to be of an average width of 30 feet, and the houses as standing back at an average distance of 10 feet from the street line, we have another 286,000 feet of fence, making in all 1,342,000 feet of front fences. There is more of this fencing that cost a greater sum than 50 cents a foot than less. Taking the low sum of 50 cents a foot as its first cost our front fences stand us in the sum of \$671,000. The painting of the fences costs 20 cents a square yard of their surface, representing another investment of at least \$270,000. The extreme average life of the fencing is fifteen years, and during that time the painting must be renewed at least twice, or if the owner have any pretension to tidiness four times. These figures, which are by no means overestimated, will give some idea of the amount of money that is thrown away in fences. When it is considered that 999 of the gates belonging to these fences are woful failures against the casual dog, that they either will not shut or else will not stay shut, that, if they do shut, they shut with such a bang that paterfamilias is always on thorns for fear his children's fingers or his dog's tail should be sacrificed; and that, even as the interposing medium between procrastinating 'spoons,' the front gate is really nothing but a nuisance, deriving all its pleasant memories from associations only, it will be seen that the case to be made out against front fences and their concomitant gates is simply crushing. They have, in fact, only the one little redeeming point previously indicated—namely, that the young cub of the human species has apparently been born with a respect for a fence which is in reality no barrier at all, but only the symbol of a barrier—the survival, in fact, of the most, drawbridge, and portcullis which were once the prerequisites of a sound night's sleep."

Fences in front of lots have generally been abandoned in all towns in central New York. The like is mainly true of Detroit and Cleveland, while more fences, it is said, have been removed in Milwaukee during the past two years than have been erected. Cyrus W. Field, of ocean telegraph fame, once proposed to give a public library to a town in Massachusetts on condition that the people removed the fences in front of their lots. Most of the citizens removed their fences willingly, but a few declined to do so, whereupon those who desired the library turned out and destroyed the fences that remained. In Stockbridge, Williamstown and several other of the most beautiful places in western Massachusetts there are no fences in front of lots, and few between lots.

During several years past there has been a general movement against fences around public parks. The early settlers of New England generally let an open space of about half an acre in front of the farm buildings. It had a hospitable look and was convenient for many purposes. In several sections of the eastern states fences have been removed from the front of farms where the land adjacent to the road is in permanent meadow. The appearance of the farm has been greatly improved by the removal of the fences. As a rule the sides of the road are kept in good condition, the ditches cleaned out and the banks nicely graded and covered with grass. The owner of the meadow gets the use of a stretch of land a rod wide and saves the expense of supporting a fence which disfigures his premises.

Fences are ordinarily built in front of yards and pleasure grounds for purposes of protection or ornamentation. It is certain that they afford very little protection. If built sufficiently high and light to present anything like a formidable barrier to would be intruders, they make a flower-garden or a pleasure ground look like a prison yard. No one having a small yard in front of a house wishes to put locks on gates through which members of the family enter, and without a lock anyone may enter who chooses. Few front fences are ornamental. They detract from the beauty of the premises, while they cause them to look smaller than they really are. Remove the fence from the front of a lot that is twenty-five feet wide and it immediately appears to have a width of thirty feet. These lots are generally better cared for than those that are surrounded by a fence; as they are conspicuous, many persons living on a long lot have added to the beauty, comfort, and convenience of their premises by disposing of division fences. By throwing in several lots into one, each family has a larger amount of available space as a fence virtually destroys the value of the land on either side of it for the distance of at least three feet. Fences produce shade, which interferes with the growth of vegetables and flowers, and retards or prevents the ripening of fruit. By dispensing with fences each family enjoys, to some extent, the advantages of the lots belonging to their neighbors. They can see from their own windows the flowers in many gardens, and may, if they choose, have walks, croquet grounds, and other places for amusement in common. Privileges enjoyed in common lead to good fellowship and sociability.

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The "BOSS CLOTHIER,"

Offers a GRAND HURRAH for the man who worked nobly in the harvest field.

The battle is gained because the boys fought well, the hot rays of a mid-day's sun notwithstanding.

No blood shed, but plenty of sweat, and an abundance of wheat.

Once more, let us all unite in giving thanks and a

GRAND HURRAH FOR THE HARVEST!



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To Pleasure Seekers.
The Illinois Central Railroad will sell round trip tickets to Clear Lake, Iowa, for \$15.00, tickets on sale during the months of June, July, August and September, and on July 12th we will sell for the same point by special train, leaving Dubuque July 14th, for \$9.50, all tickets good to return by any regular train within sixty days. We also have on sale summer excursion tickets to St. Paul and return tickets good until October 1st for the round trip, \$19.50. For further information enquire at Central ticket office Union depot. June 22, d&w

WE WANT your custom, and thank you can offer you inducements if you will come and see us, which will be sufficient to satisfy you that our store is the best place in town to trade. Bargains are to be had every day this spring. d&w

LADIES' night dresses, chemises, drawers and skirts, a very low price. June 27, d&w

BRACKER'S brackets in brackets, the only stock in the city and every one of them new and fresh. J. T. HAND & CO. 21 dft

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Master's Sale.

SEAL OF ILLINOIS.

John H. Brown, Clerk of Court.

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"Cheap Charley's" Corner.



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The Convention at Chicago, and the Convention at Cincinnati, both have done credit to themselves by offering for the people's choice men who are an honor to their respective parties. To the question, Who is the better man? the best answer is—YOU PAYS YOUR MONEY AND YOU TAKES YOUR CHOICE.

QUITE DIFFERENT IT IS WITH CLOTHING.

THERE IS NO CHOICE LEFT!

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The striking points in his letter of acceptance are—His pledge to free trade, with only a revenue tariff, by small profits, equality and uniformity, with the BEST STYLES of GOODS, and fair treatment of every citizen, regardless of wealth, birth, rank or state, color or nationality; and last, his soundness on the financial question by having one price for all.

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We are authorized to announce Dr. J. H. Axtell, of Marion, as a candidate for representative from the 25th senatorial district, subject to the decision of the Democratic convention.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

CHIEF ENOUGH!—162 pieces American China, a full dinner set, for only \$18.00, at E. D. Bartholomew & Co.'s.

RATHERA windy last evening.

Soon be time to select fall suits.

COUNCIL meeting to-morrow night.

Attend our prayer-meeting to-night.

BARNUM'S bills will soon be on the boards.

Get Joe Halleck to hang your wall-paper.

LIVERY men love the picnic season, because the buggies are then in demand.

REDUCE your shoe bills by buying of Barber & Baker.

For all kinds of fresh groceries at rock bottom prices call at Peter Ulrich's.

Try one of Will L. Ferguson's large grain fluid stoves. They are the best in the city.

19-dtf

Five fellows in jail charged with robbing Johnny Brewer, will have an examination Friday forenoon before Justice Peake.

Visit your friends in Terre Haute by going on the excursion next Friday morning. Tickets good to return for four days.

NATHANIEL GRIFFIN, one of the old residents of Friends Creek township, is dead. The funeral took place this (Wednesday) afternoon.

THE state temperance convention, which will be in session for three days in this city next month, promises to be a huge affair. Hundreds of strangers are expected here.

FRUIT cans and everything for house-keeping at Ashby & Andrews.

Aug 6 d&wt

The largest stock of cooking-stoves in town at Ashby & Andrews.

6 d&wt

The Danville News states that Gen. R. J. Oglesby, Gen. Jesse H. Moore and Hon. A. B. Bunn, of Decatur, have promised to deliver political speeches in Macon county during the present campaign.

If you are going to the depot, leave your order on the date at Armstrong's drug store for B. F. Taylor's back. It is always on time.

For the freshest and best of bread call at Niedermyer's, on the mound.

DR. MAPPALE'S Bromoline is the greatest blood purifier known, curing all skin diseases promptly and effectually. Try a bottle of it. Sold by Decatur druggists.

10-d&wt

At the annual meeting of the Soldier's Reunion Association of the Northwest, held at Oakesburg last week, new officers were elected, and Gen. Oglesby, of Macon county was chosen one of the many vice-presidents from Illinois.

Don't buy until you have seen those fine new carpets at Abel & Locke's and learned their prices.

NOTE this—Linn & Scruggs say what they mean, in language that cannot be misunderstood—and do what they say.

Aug. 7, d&wt

DECATUR Knight Templars anticipate the biggest kind of a time in Chicago the latter part of this and the fore part of next week. Thirty members of Beaumont Commandery and their wives will be present.

WHOLE stacks of new wall paper now in stock at Abel & Locke's.

THIS morning Dr. A. R. Smith treated his magnificent looking blooded horse, "Dred," to a handsome new suit of clothes in the shape of a \$15 set of harness, purchased at J. G. Starr & Son's establishment.

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The finest assortment of Carriages, Phaetons, top and open Buggies, and Spring Wagons, of all kinds, ever brought to this market, are now in store at the magnificent house of V. H. Parke. They are a No. 1, and warranted. No shyster auction work. Good honest goods, at fair prices. Persons wanting anything in this line are invited to call. V. H. PARKE, North of the First House.

July 13 d&wt

MONEY to loan, at 8 per cent on farms. Notes payable at Decatur.

Oct. 31 d&wt

REYNOLDS, all sorts and prices, at Ashby & Andrews.

March 6 d&wt

Flour, fire crackers, toys, pistols, &c., at J. T. Hand & Co.'s.

21-dtf

SHELLBARKER's patent process flour saves one-half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

The 18-d&wt

New sheet music and instructors' books, at J. T. Hand & Co.'s.

21-dtf

Pink drugs, medicines, paints, oils, etc., at bottom prices at the Morgan street Drug Store.

June 8 d&wt

If you want to sleep in peace, call on Ashby & Andrews and get a Mosquito Bar, or they will sell you a canopy frame and you can make it up.

June 30 d&wt

First class upholstery done at P. B. Probst & Son's.

2 d&wt

Want—A sales lady, who has experience in dry goods. Address: X. P. O. box 159, Decatur, Ill.

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WE have received a copy of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot, of August 6th, in which appears an account of a daring attempt made by a bold thief to rob Miss Clara Shorb, of that place, who is a sister of Supervisor W. B. Shorb, of Decatur.

Miss Shorb, whom the Patriot states is one of the most highly esteemed young ladies of Harrisburg, on the evening of the 5th inst. was passing along one of the streets of the city when the robber suddenly approached her from behind and suddenly clapped both of his hands over her mouth, and as she struggled and fell down, screaming for help, the villain took flight and ran off in the darkness, avoiding arrest. The young lady wore a valuable gold watch and chain, which it is supposed the thief was after. The occurrence created much excitement in Harrisburg.

ONE of the pleasantest social parties of the summer season was that in which about 40 young and elderly people participated last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Laux, south of the St. Nicholas Hotel, and at which the Misses Annie and Mollie Laux did the honors of the occasion. All had a most delightful time "tripping the light fantastic" to the inspiring music of Prof. Wilhelm's orchestra, and during the evening's festivities a splendid banquet was served. Quite a number of Decatur's young people were present, as were also several strangers from abroad. The Republican was remembered with fine samples of the delicious cake. Thanks.

THE History of Macon County now being prepared, promises to be a work which will give great satisfaction. Prof. Pike, who has had the principal charge of the historical department, is now engaged on a chapter on the civil history of the county. Gentlemen who have examined the manuscript say that it has been prepared with unusual care. We are glad to see that there will be a large number of biographical sketches of the old residents and leading citizens of Decatur. A considerable number of these have already been prepared, and the list comprises some of our best known men. There will also be a number of finely engraved portraits of representative citizens. Mr. Williams has charge of this part of the book.

THERE was a very sudden change in the temperature of the atmosphere last evening at about 6:30 o'clock. That Manitoba wave was welcomed by a perspiring multitude. Yesterday noon Dave Kaufman said it would rain near Decatur before night, and now we are going to bet on his prophecies, if we bet at all, until we lose, and then—well—we'll hunt up another wiseacre.

TO-morrow Justus Martens, the German editor and the other German with the suggestive name of Dont, will probably settle their difficulty before Justice Curtis. If Dont could get that \$50 account settled possibly he would Justus go in peace, but Justus don't seem disposed to pay Dont, hence we don't believe Dont will relax in his determination to punish the debtor.

A HEAVY, drenching rain fell at Taylorville last night. The eastern and western portions of Macon county were visited by copious showers, but very little rain fell in Decatur. A good soaker would be gratefully received by all, inasmuch as we have had no rain of any consequence since Saturday, July 24th.

A LARGELY attended ball was given last Tuesday evening at the hall in the town of Blue Mound, at which two handsome prizes—one a \$10 gold ring, and the other a \$15 gold chain—were offered to the best dancers present. The Misses Mattie Thornhill and Sarah Kinsley, both of Blue Mound, won the prizes.

ABOUT 25 members of the Hays' Garfield and Arthur Club attended the meeting of that organization last night, and after some business had been transacted, engaged in a pleasant street drill. The club is constantly increasing in membership.

LET there be a good representation of Decatur ladies at the court-house to-morrow night, to hear Hon. J. G. Cannon speak upon the political issues of the day. If every member of the Garfield club turns out the room will be much too small for the crowd.

DR. J. M. GREGORY, late Regent of the Illinois Industrial University, will deliver an address in the Baptist church, this city, on Sunday morning, Aug. 15, at 10 o'clock. Subject, "What I have thought about Jesus, Gautama, and Confucius."

PHORIA Journal, 10th. "The foot race between Eden, of Pekin, and Barnhart, of Decatur, will take place this evening at the Pekin driving park." Charley Winebrenner must be working up Tazewell county. The boys in that neck of the woods ought to know "Winey."

THE Decatur Band gave the promised concert in the park last evening, despite the threatening state of the weather. They played eight selections, but the turn out of the people to hear the music was small.

DISOLUTION Notice. The copartnership heretofore existing between Otto E. Curtis and Edgar F. Ewing is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Edgar F. Ewing retiring. The business will be carried on in the future by Messrs. Otto E. Curtis & Co., who are authorized to collect all accounts and assume all liabilities of the old firm.

Aug. 11—d&wt

OTTO E. CURTIS

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